Import of LPG and kerosene

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Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the demand for LPG and Kerosene oil is being met by means of import;

(b) if not, the percentage of the demand met by means of import during 2000-2001, 2001-2002 and 2002-2003 in the country;

(c) whether any concrete step has been taken by Government to reduce the dependence on import for meeting such demands; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and by when the country is likely to become self-sufficient in this field?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRIMATI SUMITRA MAHAJAN): (a) and (b) The percentage of demand for LPG and Kerosene fulfilled by means of import during 2000-01, 2001-02 and 2002-03 was as follows:

Percentage

Year	*LPG*	*Kerosene*
2000-01	12.2	17.0
2001-02	8.5	3.7
2002-03	12.8	6.7

(c) and (d) The country has become largely self sufficient in the case of Kerosene. Only some private companies are importing small quantities of Kerosene. The projected increase in refining capacity during the 10th Plan is likely to further increase the domestic production of LPG.

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